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DATE:

December 7, 2006

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FILE NO.

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FROM:

JOHNNY G. JURADO, COMMANDER

LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING DIVISION

TO:

KARYN MANNIS, CAPTAIN INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT:

EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE DISPOSITION:

DEPUTY DARELL EDWARDS #

CENTURY STATION

On May 6, 2006 at approximately 1537 hours, Century Station Deputy Edwards responded to a suspicious person in a vehicle call at Norton Avenue, Lynwood. Details in the call stated the informant believed a drive by shooting was about to occur. As Deputy Edwards drove west on Norton Avenue from Lorraine Avenue, he saw Suspect Guerra appear from behind a parked car just west of Norton Avenue and begin shooting at the residence. Deputy Edwards stopped his vehicle and from behind the driver's door, ordered Suspect Guerra to drop his gun. Suspect Guerra refused the command and began to run west on Norton Avenue toward Alameda Avenue. Deputy Edwards attempted to make a radio broadcast but was unable to do so because of heavy radio traffic. Deputy Edwards re-entered his vehicle and followed the suspect as he ran along the north sidewalk of Norton Avenue. Prior to reaching the intersection of Norton Avenue and Alameda Avenue, Suspect Guerra momentarily stopped, turned, and pointed his handgun at Deputy Edwards.

Deputy Edwards stopped and again exited his vehicle and from behind the driver's door, fired one, .45 caliber round at Suspect Guerra. The round missed the suspect who then turned and ran north on Alameda Avenue and east on 111th Street. Deputy Edwards broadcasted the shooting then re-entered his vehicle and followed the suspect until the suspect ran south through the yard of Deputy Edwards lost visual contact with Suspect Guerra and began establishing an area containment.

Subsequently, witnesses advised deputies the suspect had entered a black Chevrolet Avalanche. The Avalanche was located driving south on Lorraine Avenue. Both Suspect Guerra and the driver, Suspect were taken into custody without incident. Suspect Guerra's weapon was not located. No one was injured during this incident.

On November 16, 2006 the Executive Force Review Committee convened and conducted a review regarding the facts of this case. The applicable policies that were evaluated by the committee were: MMP §§ 3-01/025.00, Use of Force; 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force; 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force; and 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards.

Concerning:

MMP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, MMP § 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force, and MMP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputy Edwards was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

MMP § 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards, the Committee determined that the tactics employed by Deputy Edwards in this incident were within Department Policy.

Johnny G. Jurado, Commander

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INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY DEPUTY-INVOLVED NON-HIT SHOOTING IAB SH2169604 URN 406-07290-2111-051

On Saturday, May 6, 2006, Sergeants Michael Berg and Scott Hill of the Internal Affairs Bureau responded to Century Station regarding a deputy-involved non-hit shooting. Internal Affairs Bureau Lieutenant Don Slawson also responded.

Deputy Darrel Edwards responded to a radio call of suspicious persons in a vehicle at Norton Avenue. As Deputy Edwards slowly drove westbound on Norton Avenue, he saw a male Hispanic (identified as Suspect Jesus Guerra) standing in the street in front of Norton Avenue. When Deputy Edwards was approximately 4 houses of the location, he saw the suspect hold a black, semiautomatic handgun and shoot into the residence at Norton Avenue.

Deputy Edwards stopped his vehicle approximately 30 feet from the suspect and exited his driver's door. Deputy Edwards ordered the suspect to drop the gun and put his hands in the air. The suspect looked toward Deputy Edwards, then turned and ran westbound, away from Edwards toward Alameda Street. Deputy Edwards attempted to make a radio broadcast but was unable to do so due to heavy radio traffic.

Edwards followed the suspect at a safe distance in his vehicle as the suspect ran along the north sidewalk of Norton Avenue. The suspect stopped running approximately fifteen feet before he reached the corner of Alameda Street and Norton Avenue. The suspect turned around to his right and pointed his gun at Edwards. Edwards quickly stopped his car, exited the driver's door and fired one round at the suspect from a crouched position behind his driver's door. Edwards shot missed the suspect. Edwards was approximately 55-60 feet from the suspect at the time of the shooting.

The suspect again turned and ran away, running northbound on Alameda Street. Edwards made a radio broadcast that he had been involved in a shooing. Edwards then re-entered his vehicle and followed the suspect. Edwards saw the suspect run eastbound on 111th Street, then turn southbound toward a residence at mid-block 111th Street. Edwards held his position on 111th Street, a set up a containment of the area via his radio.

Approximately two minutes later, the suspect was observed entering a black, Chevrolet Avalanche. The Avalanche drove southbound on Loraine Avenue, and was detained by deputies at Loraine Avenue and Fernwood Avenue. The suspect was discovered hiding in the rear of the Avalanche and arrested. The driver of the Avalanche () was arrested as an "Accessory After the Fact."

Deputy personnel and a canine searched the area but were unable to locate the suspect's gun. No one was injured in the incident.

Deputy Rafter from the Force Training Unit and Deputies Greg McKnight and Dan McDonald of the Civil Litigation Unit also responded to the incident.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL:

EDWARDS, Darell, Deputy #
Field Operations Region II
Century Station

EMPLOYEE WORK HISTORY:

EDWARDS, Darell
Date of Employment
Date assigned to Patrol
Completed Patrol Training
Prior Shooting Incident(s)
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SUSPECT:

Guerra, Jesus MH/28 Booking #9033294

Suspect Guerra has an extensive criminal background. A check of the CCHRS (Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System) revealed that Suspect Guerra (CII# has been Guerra was on at the time of this incident. Refer to the CCHRS and RAPS printouts included under the Exhibit A, pages 89-107.

WITNESSES:

Sworn:

None

Civilian:



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IAB Note: A canvass of the shooting scenes was conducted. Over 60 residents were contacted, while numerous other residences had no persons at home. None of the witnesses offered any substantial information. Most of the witnesses heard gunshots, but did not see anything and could not identify who fired the rounds. Refer to the original and supplementary reports under Exhibit A, pages 21-84, for the witnesses' statements and information.

INJURIES:

There were no injuries to the suspect or deputy personnel.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:

There were two bullet holes in the front, security screen door of Norton Avenue, one bullet hole in the front dining room window, as well as one bullet impact in the stucco below the front dining room window.

One fired bullet was located inside the residence behind the living room sofa; one fired bullet entered the north dining room wall but did not exit, and; one fired bullet was located on the front yard of the residence.

Three .380 auto caliber cartridge cases were located in the street in front of Norton Avenue. All of the above fired bullets, bullet holes and cartridges were from the suspect's gun.

One fired .45 auto caliber cartridge case was located along the north curb line of Norton Avenue, approximately 55 feet from Alameda Street to the west, and approximately 75 feet from Avenue to the east. This cartridge case was from Deputy Edwards' fired round. Deputy Edwards' fired bullet could not be located.

A Gunshot Residue (GSR) test (#34095) was conducted on Suspect Guerra (by Deputy Vargas, Century Station) and booked under crime lab receipt J788306. Senior Criminalist Cavaleri # of the Crime Lab noted that as of submission date of this case, Century detectives had not requested that the GSR comparison be conducted by the crime lab for the criminal case.

Refer to Exhibit A, page 139-140E for Physical Evidence gathered at the crime scene(s) and processed by the Crime Lab. Refer to photographs of the crime scene and evidence (Exhibit B), and the crime scene sketches (Exhibit A, pages 135-138).

INVESTIGATOR OBSERVATIONS:

The physical evidence at the shooting scene (position of the deputy's shell casing and the position of the suspect's shell casings and bullet holes) appears to be consistent with the deputy's version of the events. Deputy Edwards' patrol vehicle had been moved (by Deputy Edwards as he followed the suspect) prior to investigators' arrival at the scene. The suspect's attempted escape vehicle (black Chevrolet Avalanche) was detained at Loraine Avenue/Fernwood Avenue (see photos in **Exhibit** C).

Refer to the crime reports and crime lab reports and diagrams (Exhibit A) for additional scene observations. Also, refer to Exhibit B for photographs of the scene.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL:

Deputy Edwards, Darell

Departmental-approved service firearm; H & K, .USP model, .45 caliber, serial # 1 round of duty issue .45 caliber ammunition fired. Edwards carried his weapon with 12 rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber. Following the shooting, he had 11 rounds in his magazine, and one in the chamber. Deputy Edwards' round was unaccounted for and could not be located. Edwards was approximately 55-60 feet from the suspect when he fired. Refer to the Crime Lab examination of Edwards' weapon (Exhibit A, page 140, lab receipt J788330 & J788331).

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT:

Suspect Guerra used an unknown model/make semiautomatic handgun which he pointed at Deputy Edwards. The gun was not located along the route Suspect Guerra fled, or from the location/vehicle where Guerra was apprehended. A search of the area was conducted by deputy personnel and a canine. Three .380 auto caliber shell casings were located in the street in front of Norton Avenue, and two .380 caliber fired bullets were recovered (one inside the residence at Norton Avenue and one outside on the lawn). Several bullet holes were located at the residence. Refer to the Crime Lab report, **Exhibit A, pages 135-140E**.

PROPERTY DAMAGE:

The following private property was damaged:

-two bullet holes in the front, security screen door of Norton Avenue, one bullet hole in the front dining room window, as well as one bullet impact in the stucco below the front dining room window.

-one fired bullet was located inside the residence behind the living room sofa; one fired bullet entered the north dining room wall but did not exit, and; one fired bullet was located on the front yard of the residence.

The above damage was caused by the suspect, not deputy personnel, prior to the deputy-involved shooting. No property was damaged in the deputy-involved shooting incident.

No department property was damaged. Deputies Greg McKnight and Dan McDonald of the Civil Litigation Unit also responded to the incident.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR and CHARGES FILED:

Investigator's Name	<u>Detective</u>	(CEN)
Court	Compton	
Charges Filed	664/187(a) PC/ 246 F	PC/ 245(d)(1) PC
	245(a)(2) PC (3 coun	ts)/ 12021(a) PC
Court Date	None	
Case Number	TA084921	

Additionally, was charged with 32 P.C. (Accessory After the Fact) for giving Suspect Guerra a ride in his vehicle (photos in **Exhibit C**) in an attempt to flee the area. There has been no disposition in the criminal case.

LIGHTING OR WEATHER CONDITIONS:

The weather was clear and warm at the time of the shooting (approximately 1540 hours). The shooting occurred during daylight hours. Neither lighting nor weather were factors in the shooting.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE'S STATEMENT:

Deputy Edwards, Darell

Deputy Edwards was working a one-man, uniformed patrol car (212E3/P) when he received a radio call of a suspicious person. The call stated that two male Hispanics, "gangster types," were in a gold Ford or Mazda, possibly in the area to conduct a drive-by shooting. The call also stated that it was unknown if there were weapons. Unit 212D (Dep. Rincon) was assigned as the assisting unit but was investigating a carjacking. Unit 213D, Deputies Barraclagh and Kotsis, advised Edwards that they would respond and assist him.

No exact location of the suspects' vehicle was given, so Edwards checked the area for the vehicle. Edwards drove slowly westbound on Norton Avenue, about 3-5 mph. When he was about 4 houses of Norton Avenue, he saw a male Hispanic matching the description in the call. The suspect stood in the middle of the street, shooting a handgun northbound at Norton Avenue. Edwards heard 4 gunshots, and heard people yelling inside the residence. Edwards noticed the gun was a black, semi-automatic handgun.

Edwards estimated he was about 30 feet away from the shooter, and he tried to make a radio broadcast of the shooting. Initially, there was a lot of radio traffic and Edwards was unable to make a broadcast.

Edwards stopped his patrol car and exited his driver's door. He told the suspect to drop the gun and get on the ground. The suspect looked at Edwards, then ran westbound on Norton, away from Edwards. Edwards got back into his vehicle and followed the suspect, maintaining a safe distance away and planning to keep an observation on the felony suspect. The suspect ran onto the north sidewalk and continued westbound toward Alameda Street. As the suspect neared to within 15 feet of the corner of Norton and Alameda, he turned to his right, toward Edwards, and pointed his gun at Edwards.

Edwards stopped his patrol car and quickly exited. Edwards stood behind his driver's door, using the door and the front portion of his car for cover. Edwards realized he was facing a suspect that had just shot into a house, possibly killing someone; that same armed suspect now pointed his gun at Edwards. Edwards fired one round at the suspect from a crouched position, missing him.

Edwards saw the suspect turn around and run westbound toward the corner. The suspect turned the corner and ran northbound on Alameda.

Edwards estimated the time from when he saw the suspect shooting into the house, until the time Edwards fired at the suspect, to be approximately 10 seconds. Edwards knew that his backdrop was a stucco-walled commercial building to the north behind the suspect; to the immediate west was a divider wall which ran the length of the train tracks (north-south) along Alameda Street. Edwards did not see any pedestrian traffic. There was no chance or practicality for Edwards to use any other type of weapon.

Edwards made a radio broadcast that he had been involved in a shooting, then drove after the suspect. Edwards saw the gold Mazda drive northbound on Alameda St. Edwards believed the Mazda was the vehicle mentioned in the radio call, and further believed that the driver was attempting to pick up the shooter/suspect. The Mazda sped away from Edwards, northbound on Alameda.

Edwards made a decision to not follow the vehicle, but to follow the shooter. Edwards turned onto northbound Alameda in his vehicle, then saw the suspect run eastbound onto the next street north of Norton, 111th Street, and out of view. Edwards turned onto eastbound 111th Street and saw the

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suspect make another right (south) turn in the mid-block area, near through a residence.
Edwards decided to hold his position and exit his patrol car. He made a radio broadcast of the suspect's last location and set up a containment of the area. Assisting units arrived and contained the area. Edwards was told that a citizen saw the suspect get into a black, Chevy Avalanche. The Avalanche traveled southbound on Loraine Avenue where it was detained by deputies at Fernwood Avenue. Deputies located and detained a suspect hiding in the rear of the Avalanche.
Edwards responded to the suspect's location, and identified the suspect as the shooter and person that pointed the gun at him. The suspect's gun was not recovered. Patrol units checked the residence at Norton Avenue and found that no one was injured.
WITNESSES' STATEMENTS:
Civilian Witnesses
Witness was driving westbound on Norton Avenue, following a patrol vehicle. heard four gunshots and saw a male Hispanic wearing a blue hat, gray sweatshirt, and blue jeans standing in the street in front of Norton Avenue. The man ran westbound on Norton with the patrol car following behind him.
saw the man holding a gun. The man appeared to be "shooting at the police car" as he ran toward Alameda Street. Could not tell in which hand the man held the gun. Could not see the man's face and did not believe he could identify him. Could described the suspect's hat as "an old fashioned" fishing hat. Century Station detectives showed a photograph of the hat they recovered from the suspect. Told the detectives the hat "looked something like that."
Prior to the shooting, Witness was at his house () at was washing his vehicle, a black Chevrolet Avalanche, with his ().
IAB Note: Both and gave Century Station detectives the same statement as above, confirming Witness whereabouts before the shooting.

While washed his vehicle, he saw "Chuy (Suspect Guerra)" and another male Hispanic drive past him in a brown vehicle. told his told his "That's Chuy." identified Guerra as the driver of the vehicle, but he did not recognize the passenger.
Approximately 20 minutes after Guerra drove by, saw a patrol car with a male Black deputy slowly drive westbound on Norton Avenue. Approximately 30-60 seconds after the deputy (Edwards) drove past, heard several gunshots to the west on Norton Avenue. walked out into the street, but could not see anything. wanted to take to drive down Norton and see what was happening. declined, and so got into his vehicle and left the location.
went into the house, told his goodbye, then got into his vehicle (Avalanche). drove westbound on Norton when he saw Chuy (Guerra) running toward him. Guerra jumped into the back of vehicle and told "They are busting on me!"
quickly drove westbound on Norton and turned onto southbound Loraine Avenue. He saw police cars arriving in the area, and one of the police cars stopped him at the corner of Loraine Avenue and Fernwood Avenue. stopped his vehicle and put his hands up. initially told the deputy that stopped him that he did not know Chuy.
Later, told detectives that he thought Chuy might have been involved in the gunshots. thought he was "stupid" for giving Chuy a ride after suspecting he might have been involved in the shooting. did not see Chuy holding a gun when he got into vehicle or at anytime. denied knowing that Chuy was going to do a shooting prior to giving him a ride.
Deputy Witnesses
None
SUSPECT'S STATEMENT:
Suspect Guerra refused to give a statement.
MISCELLANEOUS SECTION:
None